**Roger J. Panciera Education Center Dedication**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the dedication of the Roger J. Panciera Education Center. Read the full story at [Roger J. Panciera Education Center Dedication](#) and watch excerpts from the dedication ceremony or the entire rebroadcast of the event.

**Welcome Class of 2025!**

The college officially welcomed the Class of 2025 at an Induction Ceremony. Read more and meet two members of the class in a short video at [Vet Med Welcomes Class of 2025](#).

**CVM's INTERACT Partners with Humanimal Trust**

The veterinary college's Institute for Translational and Emerging Research in Advanced Comparative Therapy (INTERACT) recently inked a memorandum of understanding with Humanimal Trust.

Humanimal Trust is a United Kingdom based charity that drives collaboration between veterinarians, physicians, and the allied health/scientific disciplines.

Read the full story at [INTERACT Partners with Humanimal Trust](#).

**CVM and OVMA Visit with Rep. Cole**

OVMA members including Dean Dr. Carlos Risco and Dr. Rosslyn Biggs along with veterinary student Emma Miller ('24) recently met with Representative Tom Cole at the veterinary practice of Dr. John Otto.
Congratulations to the August 2021 Employees of the Month:

• **Brenda Hoffman** is a senior administrative support specialist in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. At the last minute, Brenda was asked to put together a going away presentation for the house officers who completed their program here. Brenda helped organize the presentation and the event was a success!

Above (left to right): Dr. Rosslyn Biggs, Cordon DeKock, Dr. Rosemarie Strong, Rep. Tom Cole, Emma Miller, Dr. Brent Hancock, Dr. Jennifer Schoonover, Dr. John Otto, Cathy Kirkpatrick and Dr. Carlos Risco.

• **Alejandra Medelin** is a senior lab technologist at the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. She is an incredibly hard worker who tackles every task with gusto and efficiency. Alejandra has quickly mastered all the molecular diagnostic testing procedures and has become the "go to" person for all swine PCR testing offered at OADDL. Self-motivated and considerate of others, Alejandra is a valued member of the lab and OADDL.

• **Dr. Jennifer Rudd** is an assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology. A dedicated researcher and wonderful instructor, Dr. Rudd is a steady source of valuable and factual information regarding COVID-19. She explains the science behind COVID-19 in terms the lay person understands. Dr. Rudd has appeared in numerous local news interviews, articles, podcasts and on social media platforms educating the public and representing our college proudly.

**Publication**

**Dr. Craig Miller** and team recently published their feline model of COVID-19 in *Viruses*. This now establishes this animal system as a translational model for the study of SARS-CoV-2 in humans. Congratulations to Dr. Miller and his team!


**House Officer Seminar**

**Liz Soler, DVM**, will present "When the Lights Go Out: Canine Retinal Detachments" on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 8 a.m. in Room 002C at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Dr. Soler is an ophthalmology resident mentored by Dr. Emily McCool. The recorded lecture will be available on Moodle in the course VBSC 6710.
Congratulations to the veterinary students and faculty who participated in the 2021 Summer Research Training Program!

Designed to foster the development of the next generation of veterinary research scientists, each student completed a research project under the direction of a faculty mentor.

Read the full story, including photo ID and a link to each research poster, at 2021 Summer Research Training Program.

Zoological Medicine Service Temporarily Closed

The Zoological Medicine Service will be closed Aug. 27 to Sept. 3 for regular and emergency appointments. Faculty, current and past house officers, staff and students will be giving a total of 24 presentations at the Exoticscon Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. That represents 10% of all conference presentations!

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your support and understanding. Regular appointments can be scheduled starting Sept. 7.